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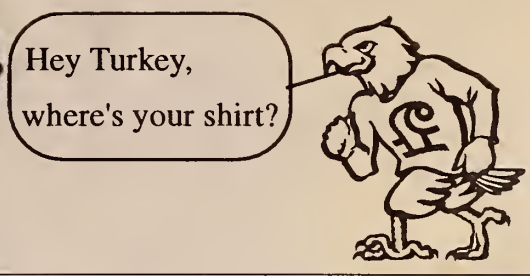

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Gambling comes to FSC, what's next neon lights and hookers?

photo by Keith Fredericks

Last Friday students gambled in pursuit of the grand prize, which was later won by the Strobe's own, Keith Fredericks.

Bookstore location finalized

by Vanessa Manni
News Editor

Recently, Student Government Association President, Zach Darrow, met with Dr. Charles Ratto of Student Affairs on the issue of expanding the Fitchburg State College Bookstore, and the consequent relocation of the mailboxes.

Darrow and Ratto discussed the fact that while the change has many supporters, there are also an equal number of people who do not want to see the change take place.

The two attempted to work out a plan that accomodates both sides. The result is the following proposal that may go to President Riccards. The proposal has three main points, the first is that the mailboxes would stay where they are. Secondly, the multi-club and craft room would also be left alone so that the $20,000 grant to renovate the room is not lost. The third provision of the proposal was that the bookstore would go where the ROTC office used to be.

The advantages to this particular space are that is has its own entrance, therefore allowing freedom in operational hours. It also is a larger space and "it can be its own entity." The possibility of a footbridge to this area has been suggested by Steve Lanciani of the Facilities Department.

A unanimous vote was taken in favor of this proposal at the last SGA meeting.

Travel to Washington D.C. on Internship

by Vanessa Manni
News Editor

Throughout the fall and winter, The Fund for American Studies will be recruiting student leaders at colleges and universities to live, learn, and intern in Washington, D.C. during the summer of 1997.

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For brochures and applications, students should contact The Fund for American Studies at (800) 741-6964 or visit http:\\www.dcinternships.org.

"I hope you never become so good at building walls that you can't see when they need to be pulled down."

- Giovanni. *Phantom* by Susan Kaye

SGA addresses student issues

SGA Class Reports

The Class of 1997 is working on planning activities exclusively for seniors and the entire campus. The "student issue" concerns Residence Life Damage Bills. Damages are getting paid for, but aren't getting fixed. Consequently people are getting billed in following years for these same damages. Also, complaints have arisen on MRO's and general maintenance.

The Class of 1998 has decided to go with STS Travel Company for the spring break trip to Daytona Beach, Florida. Prices are $279 by bus and $379 by plane, and include round trip travel and hotel stay. The "student issue" this class is addressing deals with parking. Why don't the upperclassmen (juniors and seniors) receive seniority over underclassmen when it comes to parking in the Ross Street parking lot?

The Class of 1999 has completed mass mailings for the advertisement of Winter Wonderland. Professional-made posters and table tents have been put up. Tickets will go on sale in G-lobby this week, and the work on decorations is ongoing. The "student issue" raised by this class is: why doesn't Fitchburg State college have a list that states how many people attend the college and what state they are from, as well as how many students there are in your major, etc?

The Class of 2000 held their first meetings on November 4th and November 7th. The "student issue" of the class deals with the cost of laundry in Russell Towers and how, if possible it can be made cheaper?

Holocaust horrors depicted in lecture

by Vanessa Manni
News Editor

On Nov. 27, 1996, Rabbi Baruch G. Goldstein will speak about the holocaust in the Ellis White Lecture Hall of the Hammond Building . The event is open to the general public and free of charge.

Goldstein, a native of Poland, attended elementary school in Milawa. He continued his education at the Mesifta-Rabbinical School in Warsaw for two years before Nazi Germany attacked Poland on Sept. 1, 1939.

During WWII, Goldstein and his family were forced into ghettos and labor camps for over five years. He was imprisoned in the concentration camps of Auschwitz and Buchenwald for almost three years.

After the liberation of the concentration camps at the end of the war, Goldstein found that he was the only one, of 48 family members, to survive.

Goldstein came to the United States in 1945, three years following liberation. He continued to further his education at New York University and at the Mesifta Tifereth Jerusalem in New York. Thereafter Goldstein received rabbinical ordination.

Goldstein, as an educator and youth director, served the Congregation of Beth Isreal in Worcester. Later, he served as Rabbi of Temple Emanuel of Wakefiel, as well as Congregation Beth Isreal. When Goldstein retired in 1986, he was appointed Rabbi Emeritus of Beth Isreal.

Goldstein has lectured extensively in elementary schools, high schools and colleges since his retirement.

Among his many awards is one from the National Conference on Christians and Jews of Worcester County, "for outstanding leadership in furthering the ideals of a democratic society."

CAMPUS NEWS

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The Great American Smokeout
Thursday November 21st

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Great Prizes...

Hunger and Homeless Week

This week is National Hunger and Homelessness Week (November 17-23). Campuses across the country are holding events to raise awareness about the hunger and homeless issues. The FSC MASSPIRG chapter has worked with many other campus organizations to organize this event.

Students are donating time at homeless shelters, listening to area experts speak on hunger issues, and contributing to the food and clothing drives on campus.

The final event to mark Hunger and Homelessness Week at FSC will be a raffle co-sponsored by the FSC hockey team. Students and spectators who bring non-perishable food items to this Saturday's game will be entered in a raffle. The hockey game is at 3:30 Saturday, November 23, and will be against Skidmore College.

MYTH: **All homeless people are lazy and don't work.**
FACT: **25% of all homeless people *do* have jobs.**

MYTH: **Most, if not all, homeless people are addicts.**
FACT: **Only 25% of all homeless people are addicted to drugs or alcohol.**

MYTH: **Most of all the homeless are men.**
FACT: **39% of all homeless, nationwide, are families.**

DISTURBING FACTS:

-100,000,000 school aged children are homeless
-families are the fastest growing homeless population
-33% of all homeless people are between the ages of 18-30

November 21, 1996
-J. Elliot

Top Ten List

Things to do instead of smoking:

#10. Chew on a pencil!

#9. Taste your food!

#8. Join the choir!

#7. Yell at your roommate!

#6. Get a pet! And feed him your homework.

#5. Bank your butts.

#4. Play the kazoo!

#3. Cheer-on the FSC hockey team!

#2. Smell your room?

#1. Kiss somebody!!

GOOD LUCK

"To cease smoking is the easiest thing I ever did, I ought to know because I've done it a thousand times." - Mark Twain

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Announcements should be short, including dates, places, times and a contact person.

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Newman Center Christmas Schedule

Christmas Confessions

Tuesday, December 3rd from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Mass & Reception

Saturday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Mass will be the last Mass of this semester

"I think the media are bad, and they try to create controversy. That's the way I think the media work, and I think that's the way they are."

-Charles Barkley 1995

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Living, studying, and exploring Rome

Richard R. Caron
Correspondent

Rome, where the ancient and modern exist in total harmony. Gladiators from years ago, who once fought for their lives in the Colosseum, are replaced by tourists fighting their way through nearby Italian karaoke bars. Teenage models now strut down the centuries-old Spanish Steps. Horse drawn work carts and Ferraris wait for traffic signals to change. This is a place where people are warm, gentle and polite.

These impressions were just a few of the many experienced by nine students who took advantage of FSC's 'Summer in Rome' program last year. Nine FSC students, plus a group from SUNY Stony Brook, NY, spent a month living, studying, and exploring the Eternal City.

One student, Mariko Yshioka speaks Japanese as a first language, has fluency in English, and now has working knowledge of Italian.

"The first words I learned were 'buon giorno'," she said. "The Italian appreciate foreigners attempting to learn their language. They are proper in their greetings. 'Ciao' means hello, but you don't use it until you know someone well."

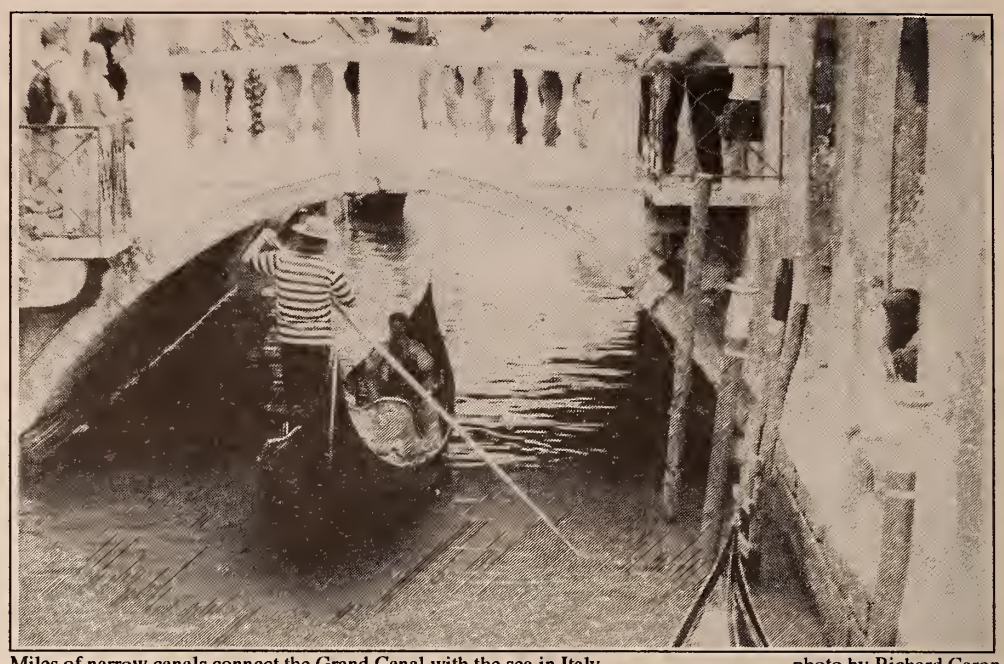
The group was housed at the Domus Mariae, a former convent just a few kilometers from the walls of the Vatican City. Each student received a month long pass which could be used on all forms of public transportation. The bus that passed the Domus Mariae every ten minutes took students everywhere in the city.

Mariko said that 'Scendo' was the second word she memorized.

æI'm not sure of the exact translation," said Mariko, "but it's what you yell when you need to get out of the bus."

A typical day usually started with an Italian class.

"The mornings were so beautiful, I usually sat outside in the park until my Italian class at 8:30," she said. "At ten o'clock we took cappuccino in the courtyard. The water color class was also held in the courtyard."


Miles of narrow canals connect the Grand Canal with the sea in Italy photo by Richard Caron

Sitting in the courtyard, sipping cappuccino in the morning did not feel much like school to Mariko. The rest of her day was free and the balmy weather made it difficult to sleep at night.

The trip included a trip to Capri, a three day trip to Florence, and a three day trip to Venise.

For Meriko, the worst part of the whole experience was that it had to end.

"I want to go back again and again," she said. "I am so glad I went. It was the best month of my life." .

Contact the Continuing Education Department for more information. A month long program is also being offered in 1997 at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

At FSC: Dispatches from Falcon nation

by Kimberly White
Staff Writer

As part of the New England Writer's Series, Boston Globe columnist Dan Shaughnessy spoke at FSC on Friday night about the sports scene in New England. Topics included everything from the Red Sox, to the Celtics, to historic Fenway Park. In introducing Shaughnessy, Leominster native and award winning author Robert Cormier joked, "to be a true Red Sox fan, you have to be willing to get your heart broken every year."

"It's humbling to be introduced by someone who's a better writer than I am," said Shaughnessy at the opening of his lecture. He then began by giving some background on his life, including his little league experiences in the early 1960's. "I'm probably the only little leaguer to be traded." Shaughnessy said, "And to the Braves, no less."

After graduating from Groton High School, Shaughnessy went to Holy Cross where he was recruited to cover sports for the weekly newspaper. In relating some of his early experiences with writing, he illustrated the fundamentals to good journalism. "Read and write everything you can." he said, "Stick to something you're interested in, it will make your writing better."

Dan Shaughnessy photo courtesy of Public Relations

Upon graduating from Holy Cross with his English degree, Shaughnessy wrote short stories for the New Yorker, albeit with limited success. Shaughnessy recalled that not only had the New Yorker not printed any of his stories, but they had canceled his subscription as well.

With the New Yorker episode behind him, Shaughnessy landed his first paying job in journalism with the Evening Star, covering the Baltimore Orioles during their championship season of 1979. In 1980 Shaughnessy went to work for the Washington Star, but this was a short lived stay as the paper folded shortly thereafter.

In 1981 Shaughnessy came back to his New England roots, covering the Celtics for the Boston Globe and five years later became the Globe's correspondent for the Boston Red Sox. "The bad thing about baseball is you have to write every day", he said, "but that's also a good thing."

Shaughnessy kept the crowd entertained throughout the evening with his amusing anecdotes about many of the players he had covered throughout his career including, Larry Bird, Bob Stanley, and Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd. Later in the program, Shaughnessy traced the history of the Sox, including their numerous name changes over the past ninety years. Previous names included: the Somersets, the Speedboys and the Plymouth Rocks. Shaughnessy also noted that the week Fenway Park opened, it received virtually no coverage because the Titanic sank that same week.

The end of the presentation featured a question and answer session where Shaughnessy recalled that Celtic great Kevin McHale was probably his favorite interview, that young journalists should be aggressive and never give up, and to avoid becoming friends with those you report on because, as Shaughnessy put it, "eventually, you have to write a nasty story about them."

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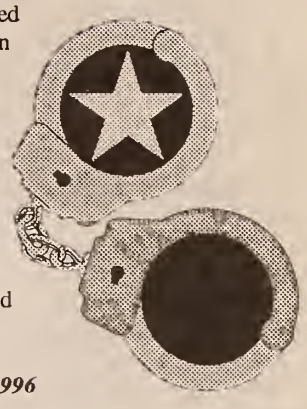
Police Log

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1996



DISPERSAL - Officers dispersed a skate boarder from the Weston Lot.
HARASSMENT - Officer investigating on-going harassment incidents at the Town Houses.
REQUEST FOR POLICE - Officers requested to respond to the Hammond Building for a skate boarder. Teen found and dispersed.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1996

NOISE COMPLAINT - Officer asked group that was walking and chanting to quiet down.
DISPERSAL - Officer dispersed a group of local youths from North St. #2 Lot.
ASSIST OTHER P.D. - Officer notified Fitchburg Police of a motor vehicle accident at the corner of Highland Ave. and Pearl St.
REQUEST FOR POLICE - Officer responded to a medical call at Percival Hall for a sick student
REQUEST FOR POLICE - Emergency message delivered to student in Thompson Hall.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1996

FIRE ALARM - Burnt food caused fire alarm at Mara Village.
MOTOR VEHICLE TOW - Unregistered/uninsured car towed from Ross St. Lot
REQUEST FOR POLICE - Sick student in Condike Science taken to Health services by officer.
LARCENY - Of FSC property taken from the Hammond Building.
AMBULANCE CALL - Patrolmen responded to a medical call in Aubuchon Hall. Subject transported to Burbank Hospital via Patriot Ambulance.
REQUEST FOR POLICE - Resident Life requesting an officer to assist at Russell Towers.
REQUEST FOR POLICE - Medical call at Mara Village.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1996

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Officer assisted Resident Life with a problem at Russell Towers.
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT - Hit & Run accident in North St. #2 Lot investigated by officers.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1996

DOMESTIC - Officer investigated a domestic abuse case.
ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE - Officer responded to a reported water problem at the Town Houses.
REQUEST FOR POLICE - Officer responded to a report of two uncooperative subjects in the Hammond Building. The two dispersed from the building.
NOISE COMPLAINT - Officers responded to Mara Village on a loud noise complaint.
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF CLASS D - Officers investigated a drug violation behind Aubuchon.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1996

FIRE ALARM - Unknown reason for fire alarm at Mara Village.
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF CLASS D - Officers investigated a drug complaint at Russell Towers.
ASSIST OTHER P.D. - Fitchburg P.D. requested that FSC Officer respond to Campus Pizza to check out a suspicious male.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1996

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Officer responded to a call from the Emergency Call Box at North St. #2 Lot.
DANGEROUS CONDITION - While doing a building check of Holmes, Officer found popcorn machine overheating and turned it off.

Science points to God

by Mark Wilson
Correspondent

I must praise Joel Hurley for the article he wrote last week about 'facts and the Bible.' Faith does not make something true, it only allows one to accept truth that is not easily seen with the five senses.

Joel seems to believe in absolute truth and thinks it ends and begins with science. He assumes that miracles don't happen because he hasn't seen any, and apparently hasn't met anyone who has. I must admit I have never seen a supernatural miracle, but many people have seen them and have experienced them. There is as much evidence for supernatural event as there is evidence for science, and probably more. Because one hasn't seen a miracle, doesn't mean that they are not true.

Science doesn't measure everything in the world; it can't. Science is the observation of causes and effects in nature. The scientific method by nature only deals in natural categories. Supernatural miracles transcend nature; they go beyond nature. The scientific method is used to establish certain truths about the natural world; but seeing miracles are beyond nature, the scientific method is not only unsuitable for testing them, but actually impossible for doing so. Trying to demonstrate supernatural truths with the empirical sciences is like trying to detect justice with a telescope or love with a voltmeter. Miracles spring from a belief in God.

"If anyone reading this doesn't believe in God or that he didn't create the earth-you aren't anything special ..."

I tend to believe that Joel doesn't believe in God based on what he wrote in his article. For if one can believe God created the earth, parting the Red sea shouldn't be a problem. If one believes in God, one can believe in a purpose and reason for life. To ignore the proofs and reasons of God's existence given in nature, logic, and the lives of human beings is to ignore reality.

If anyone reading this does not believe in God or that he didn't create the earth-you aren't anything special and you are an accident-by your own belief system. C.S. Lewis says "If the whole universe has no meaning, we should never have found out that it has no meaning: just as, if there were no light in the universe and therefore no creatures with eyes, we should never know it was dark. Dark would be without meaning."

The Bible is an accurate historical record filled with many miracles. The miracles add meaning to the Bible. Trying to take that meaning out of the Bible detracts from what the Bible is offering and what it really says. The main focus of the Bible centers around a miracle; the death of God and his resurrection from the dead. That event made it possible for God to forgive sins. If all that was taken away from the Bible, everything else including the principles of love, peace, and joy would have no purpose because their foundation would be destroyed.

Believe in science because it is true and also believe in the one who makes that truth; the same one who speaks to us in the Bible and performs miracles. Believe all the facts, not just the ones you can feel with the five senses, because if you do, you'll never think with your mind or love with your heart. Science only points to God, not away from Him.

"The Buffalo Bills will never win the Superbowl as long as I'm alive."
-x-Files federal agent, implying his responsibility in influencing the outcome of the Buffalo Bills 4 consecutive Superbowl losses

Intelligent people are kinda dumb, and, well, yeah, dumb

by Isaac Asimov

I am very intelligent by societal standards. When I was in the army, I took an aptitude test that all soldiers must take and scored 160. The average score is 100. No one at the base had ever see a figure like that, and for two hours a big fuss was made of me. The next day I was still a buck private with KP (kitchen police) as my highest duty.

All my life I've been registering consistently high scores on standardized tests, and I have the complacent feeling that I'm highly intelligent. However, I often wonder if these high scores might indicate something other than intelligence. My high scores may indicate skills in answering academic questions rather than superior intelligence.

For instance, my auto-repair man has inferior intellect and education, yet if anything goes wrong with my car I hasten to him with it. I watch him anxiously whenever he explores a car's vitals, and I listen to his pronouncements as though they are divine oracles. He always fixes the car.

Suppose my auto-repair man devised questions for an intelligence test. Suppose a carpenter, farmer, or anyone but an academian devised a standardized test of intelligence. I'd surely be considered a moron on any one of those scales. I would do poorly in a world where I could not use my academic training or my verbal skills. Intelligence is not absolute. It's a function of the society we live in.

"you're so goddamned educated, and so I knew you couldn't be very smart."

My auto-repair man told me an insightful joke once. "A deaf mute walks into a hardware store to ask for some nails. He put two fingers together on the counter and makes hammering motions with the other hand. The clerk brings him a hammer. The deaf mute shakes his head and points to the two fingers he was hammering. The deaf mute goes on his way after the clerk finally brings the deaf mute his nails. The next customer that comes in is blind. The blind customer wants to purchase scissors. How do you suppose he asks for them?"

I answered the punch line of that joke by lifting my right hand and making scissoring motions with my first two fingers. My auto-repair man laughed raucously at me because the correct answer is "the blind man simply asked for the scissors verbally." My auto-repair man claimed that he knew that I would answer incorrectly. He said, "you're so goddamned educated, and so I knew you couldn't be very smart."

I have an uneasy feeling that he had something there.

FSC must get wired

by Michael Darowski

There are inadequate computer resources on this campus. Our campus is in dire need of a more functional and expanded computer network. Please let me illustrate. Follow me on a familiar FSC scenario.

You're assigned a research paper in one of your classes. Being the conscientious student that you are, you head off to the library well before the paper is due to research your topic. Once there, you subject yourself to the horrors of the FSC "infotrak" system. You spend the better part of an hour just getting titles for articles and books on your topic.

List in hand, you head upstairs to search for your articles and books. Most have either been lost, stolen, or damaged beyond recognition. The one source you find is on microfilm, but the sole microfilm copy machine on campus is broken, so you spend several hours reading the article and taking notes. You send out for a few more sources on the "interlibrary loan" program, and wait.

Somehow you scratch your way through your paper, and now all you have to do is type it. No problem, right? Wrong. After typing your paper in either the old, dark PC lab in Hammond or in Edgerly, you go to print your paper. Alas, the printer doesn't work, and you start the frantic search around campus for a computer lab with both an operational printer and the same word processing program you used to type your paper.

On the due date, you walk into class and hand in a sub-par paper printed up on a antique dot matrix printer. The next day, your interlibrary loan materials come in. You fail your paper, and join the fast growing FSC six year undergraduate program.

But does it really have to be this way? Not at all. As the century draws to a close, Fitchburg State must step into the computer age whole heartedly. The first step will be the wiring of our campus with direct internet access and the like, which will happen, eventually. The new Netscape lab in Edgerly is a meager step in the right direction.

Picture the same research paper situation at FSC in the year 2000. Once assigned the paper, you go to one of the many computer terminals placed around campus, and using the latest web browser available, log onto the school library site.

Once there you use a search engine to find articles, books, and journal entries on your subject. There are also links to books and articles in other colleges libraries and web sights. Pick the ones you want, click a button, and the article or book text appears on the screen. Click another button and it's downloaded to your disk or printed on one of several new laser printers in the lab. Pretty simple, huh?

In the same lab, you could type your paper on the latest universal word processor program, and print it on the above mentioned laser printers. You get an "A" on your paper, graduate, and go on to get a great job...live happily ever after and all that.

Wouldn't that be nice? That's all just a pipe dream, right? Nothing like THAT could ever happen on our campus, right? Wrong. All it would take is a little money and, more importantly, a centralized vision for computer use on this campus.

Our campus needs to get a modern internet connection on all computers on campus. The VAX system we have was top of the line in 1986 when it was created, but it just doesn't cut it in the second half of the 1990's.

There are many computers on campus. Our campus probably has a cumulative 200+ operational computers just waiting to be networked. Additional computers could be bought fairly cheaply, as computers configured for terminal use need not be bothered by expensive processors, hard drives, or CD-ROM drives. Students with computers of their own, either on campus or at home, could connect to the system though their web browser.

I also have a solution of how to get all of our library resources online. Simply tap the most underused resource that FSC has, it's student body. There are plenty of students with the programming knowledge to help get the system up and going, and transferring information from the written form to electronic can be done by any student with working knowledge of computers.

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Not non-traditional, just a student

by Kim McClure
non-traditional Student

I wrote this poem when I was 20. That was 17 years ago. I know what it is like to have to go to college with "older" people. The older man, who was 48, expressed interest in having a physical relationship with me. I'm sure you can tell, it was NOT mutual! I'm including it to show that I once had a negative opinion of older students (although in this case, he deserved it, he was a jerk).

I had the unfortunate recent experience to endure a "youthful reaction" when I was assigned to complete a class project with people who are at least 15 years my junior. They did not want me in their group, it was clearly obvious to me. I'm writing this to address the issue...that we are not that different.

When I was in school before, when I wrote the poem, I was not a serious college student. I was there for the fun of it, for the fact that I had some time to pass, and that it kept me " out of trouble" and prepared me for "the real world". I used to avoid scheduling 8:30 a.m. classes for the obvious reason that it interfered with my social life. How could I possible party all night and make such an early class? When I did have an early class, I would go back to my dorm and sleep after it, immediately forgetting most of what had just been taught to me. It was only Psychology, how important could that be? My short-term goals were to find the next party, find someone to hang out with, to drink. My long-term goals didn't exist.

"Generally, I don't think about my age as being a "handicap", only when people remind me that I am in a minority and treat me with disrespect."

I've been there. We are not so different...You don't have to call me Mrs. McClure, I don't identify with that phrase. I've never been comfortable with it. You can call me a "girl," but don't call me an "adult" or a "woman." This is a personal preference, others may feel differently about it.

What's it like to be 37? Actually, it's really quite nice. I am feeling rather good about it. I am enjoying the intellectual aspect of it, I have never felt better in that respect. Generally, I don't think about my age as being a "handicap," only when people remind me that I am in a minority and treat me with disrespect. Who wouldn't feel bad about being the recipient of "nonverbal discrimination?" There is no law against it, but it really does say more about you than it does about me.

For the most part, I've been impressed with the majority of the younger college students that I have been in classes with. I enjoy your perspectives, you're creative, you're fun to be with. I've worked with some very mature 20 year olds. Sometimes, I think people who are chronologically old enough to be my child are "older" than I am, and certainly older than I was at 20. There are some young college students who have firm career objectives and know which direction they are headed in. Some do not, but they are getting good grades and that can never hurt your future. Some students are still looking for a direction, but the reality is you're doing it. That, too, is important.. We can all learn from each other.

Why does age have to be such a big issue, anyway? We are all going to have wrinkles, you may as well adjust to it...it will happen to you, too. If you really want to know what it is like to be 37, close your eyes for a minute. Concentrate on nothing or anything as long as your eyes are closed. Upon opening them, imagine that you are now 37! That's what it feels like. Time flies when you get older and it is surprising to realize that you are the age you are. If you really want to know, keep a journal of your innermost thoughts and read it again in 20 years! I promise, you won't be the same person!

Interact with the older students in your classes. Treat them as you would like to be treated if you should return to college in your older years, . Remember, the older person sitting beside you today could be you tomorrow.

Gray-streaked Black-beard
How you yearn for my youth!
I'm a picture of your fancy, eh?
To scare the thoughts of "old" away.
Be gone of me,
Out of that feeling of sexuality.
I cannot do for your desires,
I cannot restore your dimming fires.
You've lived older than I.
Find within yourself
that which can pacify.

Wired, continued

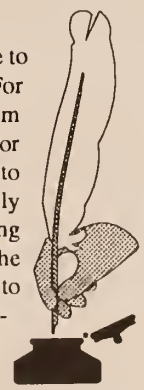
Such work could be done by students on work study or simply by willing Fitchburg residents. The conversion would take a good amount of time, but would be worthwhile. All future students and faculty would benefit, and those who participated in the project would earn a great amount of experience.

To those who are scared to death of computers, rest assured that the library would not close, the books would still remain on the shelves for anyone to use. The new system would simply give students an additional method of researching. Learning to use the system would be simple, and there's already a class offered on the World Wide Web,Topics: Internet, Opscan # 0249 and 0250.

A new system would cost a sizeable amount of money, but I think we all know that there is money out there, it's just being misused. Faculty Macarana on the quad anyone? If some of these funds could be diverted to more useful programs, Fitchburg State and it's new wired campus could become the pride of the Massachusetts educational system, instead of one of it's running jokes. In the meantime, goodtime luck luck on your research papers.

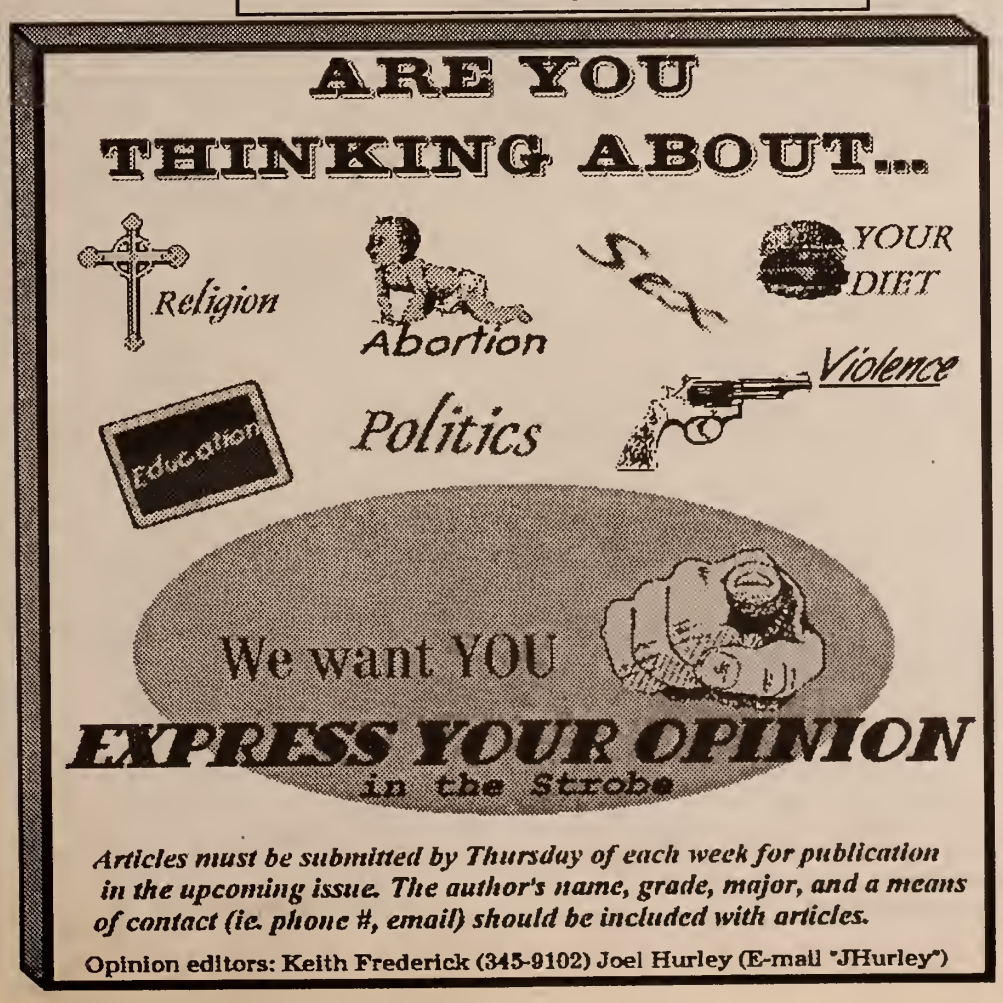
Letter to the editor

Dear Mr. Opinion Editor,



About a month ago I submitted an article to you concerning the library here at F.S.C. For some unknown reason I haven't heard from you or the Strobe. This is the type of behavior that makes me wonder if the Strobe plans to remain an "all white writer's club" with only "white" topics of interest. Prior to you being the Opinion editor, I used to think that the Strobe was an open channel for students to voice their concerns and a means of unification. However, your silence on my submitted article more or less shows that you publish only what YOU think is a hot topic. I mingle with the students. Do you do that also, Mr. Editor of Opinion? I guess you don't, otherwise you too would criticize the lack of computerized items in the library. This is 1996 and in four years a new century arrives. There is absolutely no reason why the library can't afford a CD player for students wishing to listen to music. Most of the music playing equipment is TOTALLY outdated. Are you in any way feeling like you are ignoring the concern of a student? One with a minority background? Could that be the problem? Is racism at work in the Strobe? Or are you conniving to protect some self-interest? You leave me with no choice but to imagine that indeed the school newspaper is racist. Whether you print this or not, I will be heard. Besides the Strobe there are other sources on this campus: SGA, Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, etc. Maybe they will not hide the fact that the library here at F.S.C. needs to modernize. Resisting change is one of the factors that underdeveloped and primitive countries have to deal with. Well, Mr. Opinion Editor you seem to fit the profile of being mentally underdeveloped. Can you change my mind?

Maxime Polynice



Cam Neeley and a bunch of fools raise $500,000 for Neely House Charity

by Vanessa Manni
News Editor

On Saturday, November 9, the Orpheum Theatre hosted the second annual benefit to the Cam Neely Foundation, "Comics Come Home II." As I entered the hot, sticky theatre, crowded with fat, loud, beer-drinking Bostonians, I tried to keep in mind that this was for a good cause.

The show began with the obnoxious Dennis Leary singing his original tune, "I'm an Asshole." As the night progressed in the sweaty, smelly balcony, I realized that Leary was ironically describing the hyenas sitting in back of me.

Attempting to ignore the smelly burps that were wafting downward onto my neck, I listened to the usually dry wit of Steven Wright, only to find that it wasn't so dry. Wright, who never even laughs at his own jokes, was caught snickering at himself.

Wright's unusually offbeat performance started the domino effect of not-so-humorous performances by the following comedians. I am not only judging by my own sense of humor, but by those of the surrounding assholes.

During the entire three hour entourage, I did not hear one peep fromthe row in front of me. In fact, the sweaty man sitting in that row, slept half the night. As for the hyenas in back of me, they thought everything was hilarious. And I do mean everything.

I was also quite irked that the ONE female comedian, who was supposed to be there, Jeanne Garafalo, was not there, nor was Jon Stewart. I felt cheated. Instead they were replaced with amateur comics. And they were all men...what's with that?

I want to mention that I do realize that the comedians are doing this out the kindness of their heart, or for some ulterior motive other than money, because they were not paid for their mediocre performances. I applaud all of the comedians for this good deed.

But again, the performances were rushed. Comedians were constantly looking for the cue to stop. To add to my complaints, the sound system in the theatre was horrible, jokes were often muffled, and the microphone produced static in place of jokes.

The best part of the night was when Cam Neely came out and sincerely thanked everyone for donating their time and money to the Neely House Project. According to Neely, almost $250,000 was raised last year, and with luck, they estimate to bring in about twice that amount this year.

The Neely House will be a shelter and counseling center for children and adults with cancer. Cam Neely spoke genuinely, and somehow this erased the bad jokes and assholes for about two minutes.

That was, until Dennis Leary came back on stage for another inspiring and energetic rendition of "I'm an Asshole."

Comics Come Home II ©

Falcon Players sparkle in the spotlight

FSC Drama Review
by Professor William Barker
Correspondent

Falcon Players and Director Andy Bayiates (sitting)strike a dramatic pose Photo By Sean Linehan

For four years the Falcon Players, under the guidance of Chola Chisunka, have become a compelling and accomplished theatrical group. Their productions of Moliere, Wilde, and Orton were simply superb.

Senior Andy Bayiates is directing and acting in his play *Rites of Regression*, performed by the Falcon Players. The final performance will be on Saturday, November 23 in Percival Auditorium.

I saw the play last Thursday, November 14 and I expected a funny show with the usual undergraduate clowning. What I saw was a brilliantly executed, loving parody of Shakespearean pastoral comedy. Bayiates has written a play that is funny in its every moment and replete with a witty and warm psychological depth.

Sparkling performances by the Falcons move the play energetically through the transformations experienced by a group of college youth who inhabit a world of fantasy-retreat that resembles the cute, fantastic coziness of Tolkein. These young folks are arrested in a somewhat infantile state of thumb-sucking, trapped in a Disneyland of the spirit, and incapable of growing up and marrying the world.

Gerard Marzilli gives a solid performance as King Jonah who rules the forest. He is a parody of the Duke in Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, just as Jameson Lee, the court jester is taken off Jaques, the melancholy cynic in the Bard's play. Lee makes the entire role of the Jester do tricks. This actor is the Robin Williams of FSC.

Surrounding the king are characters who represent a gallery of emotional responses to the intimidations of adulthood. Jessica Powers gives her finest performance as a sharp and aggressive bitch, fairly pawing the ground to eat a man or two alive. Kate Asmus gives a delicate performance as a quieter lady looking for love. Her object is a clown and a laborer type played to perfection by old pro Guy D'annolfo whose only problem is that he always looks like a 1930s matinee idol.

These denizens of the forest are surprised and finally altered by the arrival of a goofy psychology major who practices the white magic of Shakespeare's Rossalind in the form of hilarious but affecting therapy. The girl is acted by FSC ingenue Jen Campbell who has a stage presence that would provoke birds to open their sleeping eyes.

The splendid acting in this production is handsomely supported by a commanding set done with Patrick Mahoney's characteristic professional art, and lighting done by Rebecca Gill (we missed her acting) and David Cohen.

The finest performance of the evening came from the supple and sophisticated language of Bayiates. It is a joy to hear it spoken by a group of actors who are, in my opinion, the best thing on this campus in the quarter of a century I have been here.

Leold

by Roger & Salem Salloom

For about 6 months, my dad lived with this guy who was a regular kind of working man.

He'd get these tough outdoor jobs...like cutting lots of wood, or moving stones out of a field or painting a house.

One time he was left alone by the foreman and told to paint a house with a 4" brush. He proudly said to me, ...

"Anybody can do it with the right tool!" Then he painted the house.

This guy was homeless at times. He beat my dad at chess a lot. He wasn't stupid.

I think the part of his brain that tells most people to "get a steady job and pay rent," was missing. If you touched that place on his head, it would be cold.

It was also cold on the spot next to that place....the spot that says... "hold a grudge,steal, lie, and take more than you need for yourself."

I bet I got some cold spots somewhere in my brain ..... It's kind of exciting. I can't wait to find out what's missing.

Grab something warm exotic, and sweet

Restaurant Review ****
by Jessica Roy
Correspondent

Warm spicy scents of Cardamom and Cumin wafted aromatically through my kitchen as I opened each white paper box. The traditional, northern Indian restaurant, Sweet India, had filled these take-out containers with exotic culinary delights.

A ten minute walk or five minute drive from FSC brings diners to 200 Lunenburg Street where Sweet India features take-out service or a quiet dine-in atmosphere. The menu specializes in the cuisine of Northern India primarily from the state of Punjab and surrounding northern cities.

The diverse selections range from lamb, fish, and chicken to strictly vegetarian. My date and I ordered from the Luncheon Specials. Prices range from $6.95 for Shrimp Curry to $3.95 for vegetable-based dishes.

I ordered Vegetable Makhni, a filling entree of carrots, corn, potatoes, and green beans in a spice sauce. The hot spices made my eyes water, but the flavor was worth it. The vegetable dish satisfied me, leaving leftovers for dinner, which I happily ate.

The meal came with perfectly prepared, fluffy not sticky, basmati rice and Poori, a bread made of whole wheat flour fried until puffy. India traditionally uses the bread as a utensil for scooping up food instead of European forks and knives.

My date ordered Saag Paneer, an entree made of fresh spinach blended with Indian spices and homemade cheese (Paneer). Paneer is prepared by combining fresh cow milk and lemon juice, boiling to the curdling point, and hanging in cheese cloth bags to age.

After sampling this dish myself, I found the delicate blend of spinach and cheesy texture surprisingly delightful. Although Saag Paneer is not visually beautiful with its deep green color and consistency of thick mud, I enjoyed the unusual combination of vegetables and cheese.

The food was served with a side of mango pickled with hot peppers and spices. The condiment has a zesty taste with a hint of saltiness and when used like a typical American relish, it compliments each dish wonderfully.

For dessert, I savored a warm bowl of sweet creamy coconut soup. This traditional course is made of shredded coconut, milk, finely chopped nuts, and sugar. My soup did not have the chopped nuts, but the flavor of the coconut made up for the lack of crunch and texture. Traditionally, diners drink the soup from a cup. This experience is like drinking a steaming cup of hot chocolate. It warmed my belly and helped wash down a multitude of spices from the meal.

Sweet India provides a very unique dining experience, especially if you take-out this exotic food and have it in your kitchen. The prices are perfect for a college student and a little money provides a rich ethnic culinary experience in the heart of Fitchburg. Sweet India is open Monday through Saturday for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., for dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and on Sunday for dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

SWEET INDIA
RESTAURANT

Capacity crowd fills the Campus pub!!!

FSC Entertainment Review
by Seth Wereska
Advertising Manager

The 1980's and R.E.M. tribute band Orange Crush Packed the pub last Wednesday with a sure fire popularity plan: they played only the best from the 80's. You know, the ones everyone likes?

Fortunately, not only does Orange Crush cover songs from almost any band that existed during that decade, they cover them well. The instrumentals were dead on, and while the vocals differentiated this band from the original, the lead singer was able to carry many of the nuances that made the classic R.E.M. songs popular.

"In a school that advertises for five weeks to insure participation in the "Macarena on the Quad" this band was able to stimulate more than just two intoxicated girls to dance."

The stage performance was paramount to the sound. Unlike many of today's most popular bands, Orange Crush has good on-stage attitude and generated impressive audience participation. In a school that advertises for five weeks to insure participation in the "Macarena on the Quad" this band was able to stimulate more than just two intoxicated girls to dance. By the end of the night they had half the attendees on their feet and moving.

A big audience is the greatest tribute that FSC can give to Orange Crush. The too often deserted Pub was almost filled to capacity. People actually had trouble finding seats, but if the crowd was a nuisance, the ambiance was great. The jostling population combined with the smoke machine to make the pub look less like a cafeteria, and more like an actual bar.

And a bar is exactly where you should see a band like Orange Crush. So next time you need something to do for a night, check the Pub.

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Tae Kwon Do Club News

The FSC Tae Kwon Do Club, led by second degree blackbelt and instructor Max Durena, will participate in a Tae Kwon Do tournament to be held on Saturday November 23, 1996. The tournament will take place at the Southside Junior High School located on 140 South Jewett Street in Manchester, New Hampshire. Durena will lead his five FSC students, including yellow belts Maxime Polynice and Anisa Garcia, into the tourament where they will be tested on Tae Kwon Do forms, techniques and sparring capabilities. Events start at 11:00 am.

Rebounding from the past

by Michael J. Poirier
Sports Editor

The FSC women's basketball team will kick off their season Saturday night at 6:00 pm at the Atlantic Union College Tournament.

Over the last two seasons in which they've only managed to post a single victory against forty-three losses. Similar to the men's team which lost Mike Raimon to graduation, the Ladyfalcons have also lost their top scorer, Becky Robidoux (13.7 ppg).

First year head coach, and former FSC basketball great, Beth McNamara's goal is to bring this program back to where it was in the early 90's, and to make the Ladyfalcons one of the top programs in New England. Returning for the team are co-captains Dianne Horwath (9.4 ppg, 5.0 rpg in 95-96), Amy Harrington (3.5 ppg, 5.6 rpg), three-point specialist Bridgett Giles (6.8 ppg) and junior Stacy Shanks, who led the team with 9.7 rebounds per game placing her fifth in the MASCAC.

When asked about this year's team, Horwath cited that the team's strengths will be its running game and outside shooting. Youth and the lack of height are definite weaknesses. "We have three new starters this season and I think this year will be an improvement compared to last season." said Horwath. "We can't go anywhere but up."

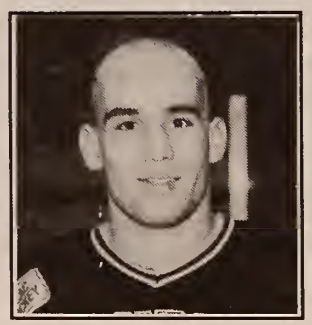
Horwath also focused on the team leadership looking to see who will carry the load now that Robidoux is gone. "There are six players returning from last year, so we have the experience." Horwath said "We'll rely on Stacy Shanks (4.5 ppg) to step it up for us this season and score more points."

Others returning for the Ladyfalcons include sophomore Annmarie Campo and Sarah Buitenhuys along with freshman starting point guard Brandy LeBlanc and freshman forward Stephanie DeGerolamo.

The women's basketball has a long way to go until they reach the upper echelon of the MASCAC standings, but with the solid scoring punch from Horwath and Giles, the rebounding talents of Shanks and the playmaking abilities of LeBlanc, the women's basketball team will definitely give their fans something to cheer about this year.

Women's B-ball co-captain Diane Horwath photo by Althletic Dept

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Joe Centrella provided by SID

Falcon hockey players Joe Centrella and Jeff DuRoss share athlete of the week honors for their contributions to the team's early season success. Centrella, the team's leading scorer, had a pair of goals and three assists against Wentworth in a 12-3 victory, then racked up a goal and five assists against Plymouth State in a 12-2 debacle Saturday night. Centrella's five assists tied the school record. DuRoss, a freshman, has registered hat tricks in each of his first two games, including a four goal effort against Plymouth State and currently has eight points this season.

FALCON ATHLETES NAMED ALL-MASCAC

First Team selections - Karen Whitney (Volleyball), Tiffany Davis and Laurie MacEwen (Field Hockey), Karen Irving* and Maryann Barrett** (Women's Soccer), and Amy Taylor (Cross Country).

Second Team selections - Rebecca Kiley* (Volleyball), Mary Baker and Ashley Aube* (Field Hockey), Cory Larkin* and Vicki Davidson (Women's Soccer), David Paez, John Toney and Scott Sorenson (Men's Soccer).

*previous All-MASCAC selections

Upcoming FSC Action

Wed Nov 20		
Hockey at UMass-Dartmouth	Away	7:30
Sat Nov 23		
Men's Basketball vs. UMass-Boston	Home	1:00
Hockey vs. Skidmore	Home	3:30
Women's Basketball at Atlantic Union Trny	Away	6:00
Sun Nov 24		
Women's Basketball at Atlantic Union Trny	Away	6:00
Men's Basketball at Mass. Pharmacy	Away	1:00
Tue Nov 26		
Women's Basketball vs. Lesley	Home	6:00
Men's Basketball vs. Wentworth	Home	8:00
Hockey at UMass-Boston	Away	7:30

Men's Basketball Home Opener

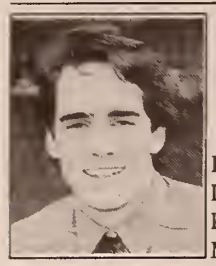
Saturday - Nov 23 1:00 vs. UMass-Boston
All spectators will be automatically entered into drawing for the Halftime Shootout for $CASH$

All Spectators for the Women's (6:00) and Men's Basketball (8:00) games on Tuesday, Nov 26 will get a free shaker - compliments of Substance Awareness/Smart Choices
Following the men's game, head down to the Post Game Party in the Pub and win FREE PRIZES!

The End Is Near

Enjoy it while you can

Falcons pummel Plymouth



Brian Lamy
Production Manager

The Fitchburg State Falcons stole the show last Saturday night in their home opener against Plymouth State blowing past them 12-2. On hand for the victory were Falcon hockey Alumni Mark Pillsbury, D.J. Conte, Steve Baldassare, Dale Kimball, Bill Mastrangelo, and Mick McCarthy who came to raise the ECAC North/Central/South Championship banner they earned last season.

The Falcons got on the board first when Damon Moore and Joe Centrella set up Dan Genatossio at 6:50 in the first period on a power play opportunity and tucked the puck past Plymouth goaltender Scott Linde. This gave the Falcons a 1-0 lead early in the first period.

Plymouth State came back with the equalizer on a power play goal past Falcon goal tender Aaron Abitz to tie the score with 5:47 remaining in the first period.

The Falcons exploded out of the locker room for the second period and set the ice on fire by scoring four un answered goals. Three of those goals came from freshman Jeff DuRoss which gave him a hat trick only halfway through the second period. DuRoss also had a hat trick in Monday's game against Wentworth.

"The difference was when they took the five minute major and gave us a couple of goals off that," said Coach Dean Fuller.

DuRoss scored his first goal by placing the puck in the lower right corner 7:14 into the period. Genatossio was also in for the assist to make the score 2-1. DuRoss scored his second goal just over a minute later when Centrella and Rob Lavery set him up to flip the puck over the shoulder of Linde, bringing the score to 3-1. His third goal came when Lavery and Centrella found him again, this time across the ice and he buried it in the back of the net to record his second hat trick in two games.

"We didn't expect him to

contribute this much, this early," Fuller said,"but we're happy with his play. He plays both ends of the ice pretty well,"

Lavery scored a goal of his own with 7:51 left in the period while diving across the ice in a Bobby Orr type fashion. Centrella racked up his fourth assist of the game when he aided Lavery in boosting the score to 5-1.

"Joey sees the ice well, he's a great offensive player. He can certainly find people and put it right on their stick and that is probably one of his biggest assets," said Fuller.

The Falcons came out strong again in the third by scoring three more unanswered goals. Centrella scored the first just 17 seconds into the period. The goal came when Centrella redirected a slap shot from Moore past the shell shocked Plymouth goalie to bring the score to 6-1.

Genatossio made the score 7-1 when he took the puck in all alone off a pass from Moore and placed it in the top right corner. Lavery extended the lead and scored his second goal of the game off a pass from Centrella 6:51 into the third period. This goal put the Falcons on top 8-1.

Plymouth showed signs of a faint pulse 7:11 into the third, but that was all the offense they could muster. Jeff Craig scored the goal and was assisted by teammate Zachary Pepin to bring them within six, with a score of 8-2.

The Falcons went on to score four more goals to make the final score 12-2. The goals came from Shawn McCormack, Kevin Lizotte, DuRoss, and Steve Burm. Lizotte, Mike Proulx, Eric Short, Moore, and John Quinlan were all in for assists in the final minutes of the blow out.

The Falcons will play again tonight when they travel to U-Mass Dartmouth in hopes of repeating what they did there in last year's championship game. The Falcon will play at the Civic Center again on Saturday when they host Skidmore College.

Shooting for success

Mike Poirier
Sports Editor

The FSC men's basketball team will kick off their season Saturday afternoon against UMass-Boston at 1:00 pm. The Falcons will look to improve last year's record (10-15, 4-8 in the MASCAC), but will have to do so without the services of last year's top scorer Mike Raimon (22.3 ppg) who graduated after scoring over 1000 points in just two seasons.

In his eighth season as head coach Bob Bonci, who has led the Falcons to double figure win seasons each of the last two years, has the majority of his strong front line coming back, including senior forward and captain Jamie Margoupis (6.3 ppg, 4.3 rpg in 95-96), junior forward/center Chris Hunt (8.8 ppg, 7.1 rpg) and junior forward

Jason Reid who shot over 50% from the floor last year.

Other veterans returning include top backcourt subs Mike Reyes, David Anwar, Mao Sang and Don Zollo, who shot over 83% from the free throw line last year. The Falcons' frontcourt also looks solid with Reid, Tony Whelan and sophomore Tom Levett.

Strong additions to this year's squad include transfer students George Alexander, Ishmael Gelpi, Pete Daley and freshmen Matt LeBlanc and Scott Williams who round out the squad.

Coach Bonci cites that the team's strengths will be their speed, experience and depth, but notes that one of the weaknesses will be all the new faces trying to learn the system. Although the loss of Raimon will hurt some of the scoring punch this team has had over the last two years, with the playing experience this team has and Bonci's tendency to spread playing time down the roster, the Falcons should hold their own on the court this season.

Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you.

-Satchel Paige

Legend of the fall

Karen Irving

by Michael J. Poirier
Sports Editor

In only her second season as the starting goalkeeper for the women's soccer team, Karen Irving led the Ladyfalcons to an impressive 11-6 regular season record, 3-3 in MASCAC play, and a postseason berth.

In her first season (1995) as the team's starting goaltender, Irving posted a 1.55 goals against average, was in net 1513 minutes out of a possible 1580 and recorded four shutouts. Irving's numbers this fall improved dramatically as she was in net in fifteen out of the team's sixteen games, winning eleven (against five losses) and again playing the bulk of the minutes (1410 out of a possible 1530) in net. Irving, aided by the strong defensive play of co-captains Andi Kane and Cory Larkin, also posted seven shutouts, a .887 save percentage and a phenomenal 0.83 goals against average over the course of the season.

Early in the first game of the season, against Anna Maria, Irving was immediately tested, saving twelve shots in the 1-0 victory. A week later against Nichols, Irving posted another twelve save game, but was beaten by an overtime goal and lost 2-1. In Irving's five losses, including a 1-0 heartbreaker against WNEC in which she tallied eight saves, she allowed no more than two goals per game and posted a solid 1.80 goals against average.

At one point during the season Irving had three consecutive shutouts, blanking Regis, Framingham State, and New England College in succession. Irving also posted two separate three-game winning streaks, won three out of her four last games (allowing only four goals), and had eight saves in her last game of the season in a 1-0 win against Bridgewater State.

Because of her outstanding play in net this season, Irving has been named as a 1996 All-MASCAC All-Star and as the Strobe's Sports Department Autumn Athlete for 1996.

Directions to UMASS Dartmouth Game
Hetland Arena ***November 20th***

Take 495 South to 24 South to 195 East to Route 140 South. Follow 140 South to its end at Route 6. Turn left onto Route 6. Follow until set of lights, turning left onto Rockdale Ave. After 1/4 mile bear right onto Hathaway Blvd. Hetland Arena is on the right.